

2 Corinthians 7:13-16

The Prodigal's welcome

An important distinction



Conviction of a
particular sin

Sin centered

**Repentance
from the sin**



Rejection of self

Self centered

**Repentance
from self
righteousness**

The Christian will have Godly sorrow
but should not have debilitating shame.



**God's tool
before
repentance**

drawing us
to the Cross

being
disciplined
as a son

**God's tool
after
repentance**

Unresolved shame is spiritual abuse.



Convincing us
that we are accepted
only on the basis of
our own moral merit.

**Satan's tool
after
repentance**

The Gospel is all about dealing with Shame



**Christ bore
our shame.**

Isaiah 53

**To retain
our shame
is to reject
the Cross.**

The Prodigal's 1st blessing

He saw himself
as a needy
sinner.



Luke 15

¹¹ And He said, "A certain man had two sons; ¹² and the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the estate that falls to me.' And he divided his wealth between them. ¹³ And not many days later, the younger son gathered everything together and went on a journey into a distant country, and there he squandered his estate with loose living. ¹⁴ Now when he had spent everything, a severe famine occurred in that country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵ And he went and attached himself to one of the citizens of that country, and he sent him into his fields to feed swine. ¹⁶ And he was longing to fill his stomach with the pods that the swine were eating, and no one was giving anything to him. ¹⁷ But when he came to his senses, he said, 'How many of my father's hired men have more than enough bread, but I am dying here with hunger! ¹⁸ I will get up and go to my father, and will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in your sight; ¹⁹ I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me as one of your hired men.' ²⁰ And he got up and came to his father."

The Prodigal's 2nd blessing

**He experienced his Father
as a gracious
Savior.**



Luke 15

"But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him, and felt compassion for him, and ran and embraced him, and kissed him. ²¹ And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' ²² But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly bring out the best robe and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand and sandals on his feet; ²³ and bring the fattened calf, kill it, and let us eat and be merry; ²⁴ for this son of mine was dead, and has come to life again; he was lost, and has been found.' And they began to be merry."

The Prodigal's 3rd blessing

**He dined with his father
and his father's
servants.**



Luke 15

²⁵ Now his older son was in the field, and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶ And he summoned one of the servants and began inquiring what these things might be. ²⁷ And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound.' ²⁸ But he became angry, and was not willing to go in; and his father came out and began entreating him. ²⁹ But he answered and said to his father, 'Look! For so many years I have been serving you, and I have never neglected a command of yours; and yet you have never given me a kid, that I might be merry with my friends; ³⁰ but when this son of yours came, who has devoured your wealth with harlots, you killed the fattened calf for him.' ³¹ And he said to him, 'My child, you have always been with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³² But we had to be merry and rejoice, for this brother of yours was dead and has begun to live, and was lost and has been found.'"

2 Corinthians 2

Restoration builder #1 Depersonalize the offenses.

⁵ But if any has caused sorrow, he has caused sorrow not to me, but in some degree - in order not to say too much - to all of you."

Restoration builder #2 Discontinue the discipline.

⁶ Sufficient for such a one is this punishment (reproof) which was inflicted by the majority;"

Restoration builder #3 Dramatize the love.

⁷ so that on the contrary you should rather forgive and comfort him, lest somehow such a one be overwhelmed by excessive sorrow. ⁸ Wherefore I urge you to reaffirm your love for him."

Restoration builder #4 Disarm the enemy.

⁹ For to this end also I wrote that I might put you to the test, whether you are obedient in all things. ¹⁰ But whom you forgive anything, I forgive also; for indeed what I have forgiven, if I have forgiven anything, I did it for your sakes in the presence of Christ, ¹¹ in order that no advantage be taken of us by Satan; for we are not ignorant of his schemes."